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"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD."—Matt. 13:38.

A COMPARATIVE VIEW

OF CHRISTIAN WORK IN THE

HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

(See Figures and Diagrams on inside pages.)

The Present Situation.

The proportions indicated on pages two and three of this leaflet continue about the same as in 1886. While there has been a marked advance in the number of foreign missionaries during the last six years; this has been met by the corrected estimates and actual increase in the population of the heathen world now estimated 870 millions.

One of the most hopeful features of the foreign work is the active missionary spirit of native converts indicated by the rays of light reaching out through the dark diagram on third page. Zenanas, Hospitals, Colleges and Schools, contain very many true Christians not yet enrolled as church members.

Rev. Dr. Pentecost, who spent several years in evangelistic work among the educated classes in India, recently said in an address before the *American Board*, "I went to India a hopeful pessimist, and came back an enthusiastic optimist."

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Our Home Field.

Proportion of Ministers to Population.

Population of the United States, (est. 1886), - - 60,000,000
Total Protestant Ministers in the U. S., (1886), - - 78,864
In U. S., Average 1 Minister to less than - - - - - 800

(See diagram below.)

Proportion of Christian Workers to Population.

Ministers in U. S. (1886), 78,864; Lay Preachers, 31,991; Sunday-school Teachers, 1,107,170; Total Protestant Workers in the U. S. 1,218,025. Population 60,000,000, an average of one worker to each forty-eight persons.

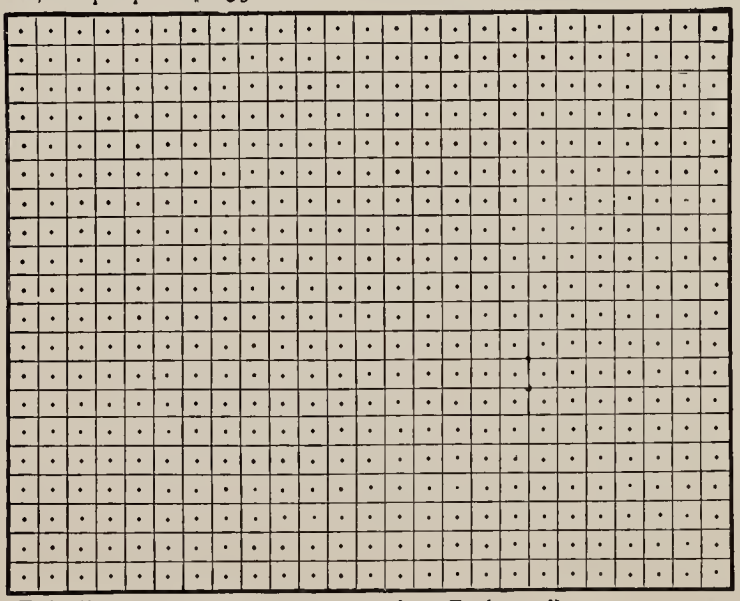
Proportion of Church Members to Population.

In 1886 there were in the United States 11,560,196 Protestant ministers and church members, or nearly one in five of the entire population. These are so thoroughly distributed throughout the country, that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ could be preached to the whole population every week.

Amount of Money Expended.

Annual Expenditure for Christian Work in the U. S. by Protestant Church Members, $80,000,000.

This $80,000,000 is expended for the evangelization of 60,000,000 people=$1.33 each



This diagram represents 400,000 people. Each small square represents 800 people, the average number to each Minister.
The 500 dots represents Ministers.

Proportion of Missionaries to Population.

Total population in the Foreign Field.	Heathen, - -	856,000,000	1,181,000,000
	Mahommedan,	175,000,000	
	Catholic countries	150,000,000	

Total Ordained Protestant Missionaries in Foreign Field, 2,923

Average, in round numbers, 1 Missionary to 400,000.

(See diagram below.)

Proportion of Christian Workers to Population.

Ordained missionaries, 2,923; Lay, 763; Women, 2,420; Ordained natives, 3,216; all other workers, 28,382.

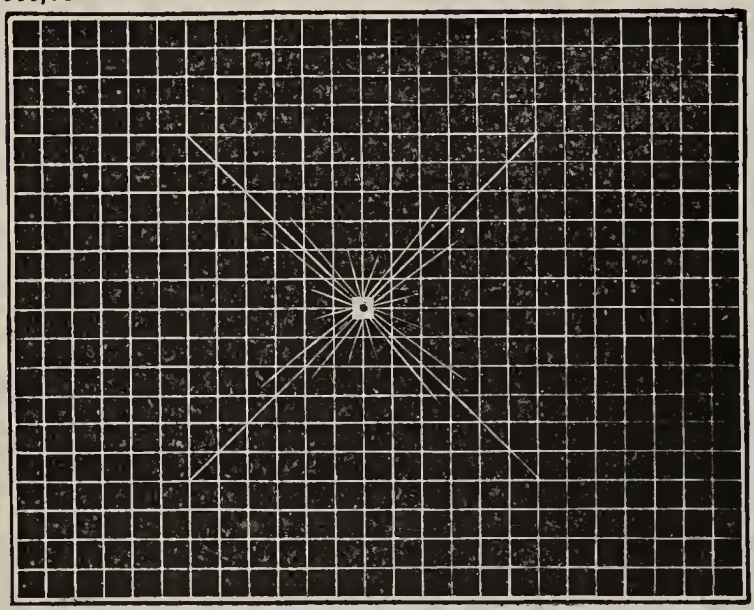
Total workers in the Foreign Field, 37,704; Population 1,181,000,000, an average of one worker to each 31,322 persons.

Proportion of Church Members to Population.

In 1886, in the Foreign Field there were 37,704 missionaries and other workers, and 716,364 native communicants, a total of 754,068, in a population of 1,181,000,000, being an average of only one Protestant Christian to each 1,566 persons.

Amount of Money Expended.

Annual Expenditure of Protestant Christians in the U. S. for Foreign Missions, $4,000,000, for the evangelization of 1,181,000,000=one-third of a cent each.



This diagram represents 400,000 people, being the average number of unevangelized to each Missionary.

The *one* small dot represents the Missionary. The rays of light represent the missionary spirit of the native converts.

Missionary Unbelief.

"Go ye and make disciples of all the Nations."

The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe *in the Great Commission*. Repeat it and see.

The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe *in the Apostles' Creed*. Repeat it and see.

The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe *in the Lord's Prayer*. Repeat it and see.

The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe *in the Doxology in Long Meter*. Repeat it and see.

The Christian that does not believe in Foreign Missions **in this generation** believes that *three hundred more millions* of the heathen world *ought to die* before we try to tell them of Jesus Christ.

How long is this unbelief to go on? How many more millions must die before the Church of God is ready? *If* thou canst *believe*, **all things** are possible to him that believeth.

Missionary Logic.

The Premise. There is *no distinction* between *Jew* and *Greek*. For the same Lord is *Lord of all*. And is rich unto *all that call* upon him.

The Promise. *Whosoever* shall call upon the name of the Lord *shall be saved*.

The **Irresistible Sequence**. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not *believed?*

How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not *heard?*

How shall they hear without *a preacher?*

How shall they preach except they *be sent?*

Missionary Success.

It is *fixed*. "I will declare the decree."

It is *definite*. "I will give thee the *heathen* for thine inheritance."

It is *ever expanding*. The waters of prophetic vision: "to the ankles," "to the knees," "to the loins," "waters to swim in," that "cannot be passed over."

It is to be *universal*. Go and disciple "*all the nations*." A whole world full of believing sons and daughters.

It is *irresistible*. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore."

It is with *Christ's presence*. "Lo, I am with you all the days."

It is *inspiring*. When *Duty's* brow is sunlit with *Hope*, the feet and heart take wings.

It is to the *glory of God*. "That unto principalities and powers in heavenly places may be known *by the Church* the manifold wisdom of God."

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